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AMENDMENT & REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003, concerning the above identified patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this Reply a Petition for Extension of Time to make this Reply timely.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(a), (b), (c), and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document. Remarks begin on page 10 of this document.

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